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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 3861

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, RH, SU
SUBJECT: ANC CHAIRMAN SETHOLI IN KHARTOUM

REF: KHARTOUM 3833

1. SUNA REPORTS FATHER SETHOLI, CHAIRMAN AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) AND CHAIRMAN AFRICAN DELEGATION TO GENEVA CONFERENCE, MET DEC 29 WITH MINSTATE CULTURE AND INFORMATION DR. ISMAIL AL-HAG MUSA. ACCORDING SUNA REPORT SETHOLI BRIEFED MINSTATE ON PROCESS GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS.
2. US EMBOFF CONFIRMED TO DCM DEC 29 IVOR RICHARDS STOPPING IN KHARTOUM ON WAY TO LUSAKA (REFTEL). UK EMBOFF SAID RICHARDS WAS STOPPING OVERNIGHT SIMPLY BECAUSE HIS PRIVATE JET DID NOT HAVE RANGE TO MAKE NON-STOP LONDON-LUSAKA FLIGHT. HE SAID RICHARDS WOULD HAVE NO RPT NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS IN KHARTOUM. HE ADDIED THAT NO SPECIAL EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO HIDE FACT THAT RICHARDS VISITED KHARTOUM AND HE ANTICIPATED
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THIS WOULD BE REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS PROBABLY AFTER
RICHARDS DEPARTED DEC 30 A.M.

3. COMMENT: AS FAR AS WE KNOW, PRESENCE IN KHARTOUM ON SAME DAY OF RICHARDS AND SETHOLI IS COINCIDENTAL. WE NOT RPT NOT AWARE OF ANY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS EITHER WITH

GOS OR BETWEEN THESE TWO PARTICIPANTS GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS.
NEVERTHELESS, WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF PRESS REPORTS NOTE
PRESENCE OF RICHARDS AND SETHOLI IN KHARTOUM ON SAME DAY
AND PERHAPS SPECULATE AS TO WHAT THEY MAY HAVE DISCUSSED
HERE. IN THAT CONNECTION, WISH TO NOTE UPI CORRESPONDENT
PRESENTLY IN KHARTOUM. BREWER

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